

Pride, Prejudice, and Youkais

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1. Chapter 1

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Chapter 1

It is a truth universally acknowledged, that a single demon in possession of a great power must be in want of the young flesh of virgins.

However little known the feelings or views of such a demon may be on his first entering a neighbourhood, this truth is so well fixed in the minds of the surrounding villages, that their daughters are considered as suspect sacrifice of such demon.

"My dear Sango," said Miroku one sunny day, "have you heard that our long abandoned neighboring village is let at last?"

Sango replied that she had not.

"Do you know who had taken it?" said Miroku, his hands slowly creeping on Sango's inviting behind.

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"You want to tell me, and I have no objection to hearing it." said Sango coldly, her fingerprints still fresh on the Houshi's left cheek.

"Why, my dear, you must know from Kaede that the village is now ruled by a powerful demon of large fortune from the Western lands" said

Miroku, while nursing his swollen cheek.

"I heard the youkai came down recently on a dragon to inspect, and had frightened the village elder so much that he agreed immediately'' Shippo chimed in, quickly making himself comfortable on Kagome's lap.

The houshi nodded in understanding. "He is to take possession before the next fullmoon, and some of his demon servants are to be in the village by the end of next week."

Sango had a niggling feeling that she knew the demon. 'What is his name?'

"Sesshoumaru-sama"

Inuyasha stood up suddenly, gripping hard his tetsusaiga "What! Is the bastard trying to pick a fight!?"

"Wait, rather than enemy, he will be our ally! Since Rin lives here, our village will be under his protection" Kagome clasped her hands optimistically.

"An ally, Kagome-sama, to be sure! The daiyoukai of great power, what a fine thing for an ally!"

"Keh!" Inuyasha sat back down. "Why would he even want to be our ally?"

"Inuyasha-sama" replied Miroku mirthfully "How can you be so suspicious of your brother! You must know that the village folks are thinking of offering him their virgin daughters"

Inuyasha snorted and promptly burst out with laughter "Sesshoumaru eats virgins for breakfastâ€|and Miroku is a saint! *gasp* I can't wait to see his face when he see those fucking *gasp* idiots!"

"I _am _a saint you know" Miroku clasped his heart in mock hurt.

"But in all seriousness, it is very likely that he may kill all of them in outrage. We must visit the village elders before he comes."
"

"Keh! Why don't you go and charm those ladies before he laid his poisonous claws on them. They might like having their virginity taken rather than being gutted."

Kagome covered Shippo's ears just in time, although it is unlikely to prevent his youkai hearing. "Inuyasha! SIT!"

Ignoring Inuyasha, who has been flattened to the ground, Miroku chattered on.

"Inuyasha-sama, you flatter me. I certainly have had my share of ladies, but I do not pretend to be any thing extraordinary now. When a man has a beautiful lady like my dear Sango to bear his children, one ought to give over thinking of otherâ€|indulgences.' '

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"In such cases, a man has not often much virtue to think of.'" Sango finished tersely.

"But, Inuyasha-sama, you must indeed go and see the elders before Sesshomaru-sama makes his descent.'"

"Keh! Whatever!"

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Chapter 2

Inuyasha had actually got a whiff of Sesshomaru earlier that morning. Not knowing the daiyoukai's intention being so near to the village, Inuyasha had intended to beat the crap out of Sesshomaru's arrogant face, but found out the daiyoukai's delicate predicament by complete accident. He did pretend in front of the group that he knew nothing, but gruffly decided to disclose it in the following manner:

Observing Kagome rummaging her yellow backpack for candies, he blurbed:

"Keh! Impressing Rin won't work' "

"How would you know that, we don't even know what he's here for! Are you going to take responsibility if he wipe out the whole village, all because of their stupid virgins?" Kagome said resentfully.

"But, Kagome,'" said Shippo, "we will all go to meet the elders at the village tonight, Miroku said so."

"As if Miroku cares, he's on a date with Sango!"

Shippo then realized that both the houshi and the taijiya had been missing since the morning.

"We'll suffice. We ain't gonna need that monk for this stuff" Inuyasha said gruffly.

"We'll need to take Rin too if we failed to persuade the elders! Else both of you will be at each other's throat, and _then_ the whole village and _us _are going to get killed."

"â€|then I'll just meet him myself."

"Are you out of your mind!?"

"What do you mean I'm out of my mind," the hanyou's ears rang from Kagome's outburst. "Ya think I can't talk normally with the bastard?"

Inuyasha grinned with secrets and Kagome looked at him suspiciously.

"Whaddya think, kit?"

Shippo shrugged.

Kagome groaned. "Forget it! I'll find Rin myself"

"So.. you don't care if I say that I know for sure that the virgins would be the last thing on his mind?"

The fox and miko was in the strange place where they realized that Inuyasha was more than he lets on.

"You know something, don't you" Kagome said, poking her index finger at the hanyou in suspicion.

"When I was walking this morning I smelled the bastard near the village, I tried to look for him but found the kappa instead. The toad was talkin' to himselfâ€| the bastardâ€|"

The miko leans closer in interest, and Shippo perched on Inuyasha's shoulder.

"â€|His mom is lookin' to mate him off! bastard is running off next door with the tail between his legs!" the hanyou shook and rolled with laughter.

Kagome blanched in realization that Sesshoumaru might take the virgin offering an insult to his predicament.

The rest of the evening was spent in conjecturing how soon Sesshoumaru would kill Inuyasha for laughing behind his back, and determining what they should tell to deter the village elder.

3. Chapter 3

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Chapter 3

They missed the chance to visit the village elders, courtesy of the perfectly timed attacks of the neighboring boar youkai.

The night was drawing near, and not all that the group could ask on the subject was sufficient to draw from Inuyasha more information. They attacked him in various ways; with barefaced questions, ingenious suppositions, and distant surmises; but his lack of information prevents him from obliging them. They were at last obliged to accept the second-hand intelligence of their trusted ally good old Myoga. His report was highly disturbing.

Sesshoumaru was quite young for a daiyoukai, wonderfully handsome, of mateable age, and but to crown the whole, meant to kill all the mate-to-be offered by his mother if that was his only option to escape. Nothing could be more worrisome! To be fond of murder was a certain step towards insanity; and very small hopes that any of them will survive the night.

"If I can but see us unscathed tonight," said Miroku demurely, "and if Sango would bear my child, I shall have nothing to wish

for.''

The slap resounding that afternoon was the foreboding sound of what was to come .

The hunt for virgins was long dispatched while the group was busy fending off boar youkai; and already Inuyasha's group planned to prevent the insult by informing these villagers, when an answer arrived which deferred it all.

The village elder was obliged to further information that the daiyoukai is looking for a bride, and consequently, enabled him to have the honour of offering his own daughter!

Kagome could not imagine what business the simpering, corpulent, human daughter of the village elder could have with a deadly inuyoukai like Sesshomaru; and she began to fear that the daiyoukai would acquire a taste of succulent human flesh.

Shippo quieted her fears by starting the idea that the daiyoukai will not like the idea of slicing everyone's head off in front of his ward Rin.

A report soon followed that Sesshomaru was to bring many youkais with him to the village. The girls grieved over such number of youkais in their midst but were soon a little comforted hearing that, instead of the whole pack, he had brought only himself, one trusted advisor, and one retainer. And when the dragon Ah-Un finally descended, it was only himself and his retainer, along with suspicious dust formed along in the background by a mad dash.

"Is that the mangy wolf?!" Inuyasha shouted "What is he doing here?"

"I heard that my woman is here. Hello Kagome!"

The new comer Kouga was good looking as a youkai should be, and warrior-like; he had a pleasant countenance, and easy, unaffected manners, unlike the village hanyou.

"Oy, bastard! I heard something funnyâ€" Inuyasha uncouthly began, but was most fortunately and efficiently interrupted by the miko of the group, fearing any unwanted bloodshed and wanting to be intact by the end of the night. A slight narrowing of the daiyoukai's eyes were the only hint of his suspicion.

"Inuyasha! sit! sit! SIT!"

"Take that, filthy hanyou!" The kappa looked down at the newly made hanyou hole, 2 jÅ• deep in the ground.

The retainer Jaken wore puke green kappa, with an air of decided superiority and a staff that is too big for his crumpled height.

"You humans should be on your knees! Bow down to the great western Lord, Sesshoumaru-sama!", squeaked Jaken.

But, the daiyoukai Sesshomaru soon drew the attention of the village by his fine, tall person, handsome features, noble mien; and the

report which was in general circulation within five minutes after his descent, capable of killing ten thousands human men a year.

"Hn." said Sesshomaru.

The villagers bowed down in fear and pronounced him to be a fine figure of a youkai lord. The ladies internally declared that he was much handsomer than the village boys, and he was looked at with great admiration for about 5 second, till one village elder's plump daughter gave him great disgust, which turned the tide of his reception; for he was discovered to be proud, to be above human company, and not above murder when displeased.

Despite his forbidding nature, not all his deadliness and large set of claws could then save him from the circulating news that he kept a human protÃ©gÃ© with him, and was indeed looking for a mate, most assuredly and laboriously circulated by his own mother.

Kouga soon made himself acquainted with his self-proclaimed mate, he was lively and unreserved, flirted with the village miko, fought a lot with the hanyou as though in banter, generally confusing the hell out of the village people with the unfolding drama. Such easygoing qualities must speak for themselves. While both are youkai, what a contrast between him and the quiet daiyoukai! That was, until the reputation of his human-eating pack preceded him.

The daiyoukai himself has nearly snapped the neck of a lady, if not for Rin, barely spoke a word except to his protÃ©gÃ©, and stayed for approximately 5 minutes before disappearing without a trace.

His character was then decided. He was the most dangerous, the deadliest demon in all of Japan, and ever body silently prayed that he and his human-eater of companion (?) would never come there again. Amongst the most violently stricken by fear was the village elder, whose fear of the demon was sharpened into one particular Jaken-like behavior by his having almost killed one of his daughters.

"Please, Miko-sama, protect us from these great daiyoukais!" wailed the village elder.

Kagome had been obliged, by the trembling fear of the villagers, to stay and protect them should any of the youkai decided to rampage, and during part of that time, she overheard clashes of metals, and saw the previously missing daiyoukai and decimated inuyasha sparring in the nearby clearing.

"Come on, bastard!" taunted Inuyasha, happy that for once he could make fun of his brother "Afraid of girls? Need me to find one for you?"

Sesshomaru narrowed his eyes in annoyance. "This Sesshoumaru needs no one!" he gritted, his claws glowing like ribbons, the poison aimed toward Inuyasha's throat.

"I never saw so many virgins gathered in one place, all for you brother," mocked Inuyasha, narrowly avoiding the poisons.

"Human girls. Bakusaiha!" Sesshomaru attacked, his eyes saw the hanyou's miko in a distant.

"Kagome thought you were gonna kill all of 'em, she was so bent on staying behind to protect 'em"

The daiyoukai snorted, knowing full well the miko was within hearing range "Her miko power is tolerable; but not strong enough to deter even a hanyou."

"What didya just say, bastard? Kagome is gonna purify your sorry ass!" Inuyasha charged forward.

"I am in no humour to dirty my claws with human women's blood. Your blood, brother, I'd gladly humour"

Inuyasha followed his advice. Sesshomaru walked off leaving a bloody hanyou pulp; and Kagome remained with no very cordial feelings towards him. She recounted the story however with dejected spirit among her friends; for she knew had a weak, unpredictable power, which manifested in the most unusual of timings.

4. Chapter 4

Chapter 4

When Sango and Kagome were alone in the hotspring, and have made sure that a certain lecherous monk is away procuring dinner, the former, who had been indifferent of their many youkai encounters, expressed to her traveling companion how very much she'd prefer Kouga over Sesshomaru.

"He's just what a friendly youkai should be" said the taijiya, "not threatening anyone, remains unaffected by the shikon shards; I never realized how much we took him for granted until yesterday! so much at ease with humans, with such friendly attitude"

"Perhaps because his packs used to eat them? He is also very stubborn" Kagome rolled her eyes, "as expected of a rival of Inuyasha. What a complete blockhead."

"I was rather surprised when he tried to kiss you last night"

"Are you serious? I mean, after all the attempts to get me to be his mate?" Kagome huffed. "No thanks. Well, he certainly is better than Sesshomaru, and I give you leave to be appreciative of him. The daiyoukai most certainly has a big stick up his ass."

"Kagome!" Sango slapped Kagome on her back, scandalized at her uncouth language.

"Sorry, learnt that from Inuyasha" Kagome smiled sheepishly. She was not sorry for saying the word, as much as saying it in front of her female friend. Sesshomaru touched a sore point, true as it was, it still hurt her to hear it.

"I mean, at least Kouga only flirts to you"

Kagome listened as Sango ranted on about a certain lecherous houshi, but her mind was elsewhere. As much as she hated to admit it, Sesshomaru's behavior yesterday had not been calculated to instill fear to the village; and with more battlefield experience and knowing

Sesshomaru, she was wholly ensured that yesterday was not the least of what he was capable of destroying, should he wish to.

He and his retainer were in fact almost civil compared to what they were usually, not rampaging unless provoked, nor being intimidating by choice. Even Jaken was more well behaved than his usual annoying, doormat self.

Sesshomaru needed to stay away from his lands, she realized. He was not there to fight them, but was there to stay. As the western lands are now forbidden due to his own volition, the area of their neighboring village, for reasons unknown, displays attractive qualities of a hiding place for the inuyoukai. Perhaps it is because of his young ward Rin, or perhaps some other reasons obscured to her.

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The daiyoukai's servants and kappa retainer were very anxious on his moving so suddenly; and though he was now established in the neighboring village, he was by no means a willing participant. It was 3 moons ago when he descended upon the abandoned land, trying to get away from many demonesses in heat who had been under misguided knowledge of his interest in their person, when he realized that they were unable to follow his scent. The land, while seemingly no different than the rest, was quietly blanketed in ancient magic. It was then that he sealed the land's fate, and the neighboring villagers that came attached with it.

He did not care for the neighboring village other than the fact that Rin lives there. He had fully planned on ignoring them, if it wasn't for the demented human who dared to offer his daughter. He had underestimated his mother's far-reaching influence. The manner in which Sesshomaru would describe the unusual interest of the neighboring village was muted dismay. He had never saw more curious humans in his life; every body had been needlessly attentive to him, there had been distinct lack of fear and awe a demon of his stature are used to; no doubt it might be attributed to the weak hanyou who lives there and his lack of dominance on the village.

The wolf, on the contrary, did not seem to care of the people in whom there was little beauty and much discomfiting odour, for none of whom the wolf had felt the smallest interest except for the hanyou's miko. The miko, Sesshomaru allowed, smelled better than the rest, but is too loud to his liking.

The people of the village seemed to admire her and like her, and pronounced her to be somewhat of a hero, and one of whom whose protection they should not object to be under, and Sesshomaru felt authorized by such ridiculous commendation to dispel their illusion.

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